

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed August 3, 2004. In order to advance prosecution of this case, Claims 3, 8, and 9 have been amended and Claim 15 has been withdrawn pending allowance of a generic claim.. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and favorable action in this case.

The Examiner has requested that the present invention be restricted to one of the following species: Species Group I directed to FIGURES 1 and 2, Species Group II directed to FIGURES 3 and 4, Species Group III directed to FIGURE 5, Species Group IV directed to FIGURE 6, Species Group V directed to FIGURE 7, Species Group VI directed to FIGURE 8, Species Group VII directed to FIGURE 9, Species Group VIII directed to FIGURE 10, and Species Group IX directed to FIGURE 14. Applicant elects to pursue prosecution of Species Group IX directed to FIGURE 14. The Examiner has indicated that Claims 1, 2, and 11 are generic and thus cover more than one of the identified Species Groups. To facilitate prosecution of Species Group IX, Claims 3, 8, and 9 have amended to be consistent with Generic Claims 1, 2, and 11 and Dependent Claim 15 has been withdrawn pending allowance of a generic claim.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 1, 2, and 10-20.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

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